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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID, WZ
SUBJ: DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO SWAZILAND

REF: MBABANE 2382

1. ACTING UNDP RESREP INFORMED ME DECEMBER 29 OF HER RECEIPT OF
CLEAR-TEXT CABLE FROM COORDINATOR OF UN DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION
IN GENEVA, INDICATING "US EMBASSY IN MBABANE GIVING \$10,000 TO
SWAZILAND RED CROSS." IN VIEW STILL-VALID CONSIDERATIONS CONTAINED IN
"IMMEDIATE" REFTEL, I FIND DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND THIS FURTHER
INSTANCE OF LACK OF SENSITIVITY TO LOCAL SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY HAS GIVEN NOTHING TO RED CROSS. GOS HAS NOT DECLARED
EMERGENCY OR MADE OWN CONTRIBUTION TO CURRENT RELIEF EFFORT.
FOR REASONS CITED PARA 6 MBABANE 2378, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT USG
CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000 WARRANTED AND THAT RED CROSS IS BEST CHANNEL.
WE ALSO BELIEVE GOS MUST BE INVOLVED TO EXTENT OF (A) DECLARING
EMERGENCY SITUATION IN ONE FORM OR OTHER, AND (B) MAKING SUBSTANTIAL
CONTRIBUTION TO CURRENT RELIEF EFFORT. OWING TO EXTENDED SWAZILAND
HOLIDAY PERIOD, GOS MINISTERS NOT ACCESSIBLE AND MAY NOT BE FOR
COUPLE DAYS YET. WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, ACTING UNDP RESREP
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AND I WILL MAKE JOINT APPROACH OR COORDINATED APPROACHES TO ELICIT
MAXIMUM GOS CONTRIBUTION. OUR EFFORT, IF NOT HINDERED BY FURTHER
UNCLASSIFIED TRAFFIC OR BY PREMATURE NEWS STORIES, CAN BE EDUCA-
TIONAL EXERCISE TO HELP GOS RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO EVEN MORE
SERIOUS DISASTERS (PERHAPS RELATING TO SOUTH AFRICAN UNREST)
THAT MAY ARISE IN FUTURE.

3. AS STATED PARA 2 REFTEL, POST WILL ADVISE ADDRESSEES SOON AS GOS ACTS IN THIS CASE AND, OF COURSE, SOON AS EMBASSY MAKES CONTRIBUTION. UNTIL THEN, WOULD APPRECIATE RESTRAINT ON ALL CLEAR-TEXT COMMUNICATIONS THAT COULD PREJUDICE OUR PLANS.

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